

December 29, 2003

Genevieve Kolker

- Genevieve Kolker, 87 of Groton, SD and formerly of Le Mars, Iowa died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003 at Beverly Healthcare, Groton.
- Mass of Christian Burial has been scheduled for 10:30 A.m., Saturday January 3, 2004 at St. James Catholic Church in Le Mars, Iowa, Father James Tigges celebrant..
- Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Le Mars, Iowa with the Feuerstein Funeral Home of Le Mars in charge of arrangements.
- Friends may call at any time after 3 P.M. on Friday for closed casket visitation with a parish rosary at 4 P.M. at the funeral home.



A scriptural wake service will be held at 8:00 P.M. at the nursing home.

- Genevieve Josephine Henrich was born March 12, 1916 at Wilmont, Minnesota to Martin Henrich and Lucy (Wiltgen) Henrich. She was raised in the St. Killian, MN area and graduated from Worthington, MN high school in 1934. She was an accomplished pianist and accordionist. In her early years she played in a band with her sister and brother. In 1934 the family moved to Le Mars, Iowa where they farmed west of town. After a short period of working in Minneapolis, Genevieve returned to Le Mars and attended Westmar College.
- She married Larry Kolker on July 18, 1938. She was employed by the Le Mars Telephone Co., Dr. Norman Mauer and Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative (NIPCO). She retired from NIPCO in 1983. She loved to fish, dance and play the accordion and the piano. She was active in her church having taught CCD for a number of years. Larry died in 1983. She continued to live on the farm until January of 1991 when the onset of alzheimer's disease required that she move to Groton, SD. In February of 1993 she took up residence at the Colonial Manor, a long term care facility in Groton, (now Beverly Healthcare). She resided there until her death.
- She was a long time member of St. James Catholic Church in Le Mars and attended St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Groton for a short period of time.
- Survivors include one son, Richard (Janet) of Groton, a sister Elizabeth Schroer of St Louis Park, MN and seven grandchildren Martin Kolker (Kristy) of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Audra Chmiel (Gene) of Clinton, Connecticut, Anthony Kolker (Laurie) of Moorhead, Minnesota, Christopher Kolker of Custer, South Dakota, James Kolker (Kristy) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Daniel Kolker of Albert Lea, Minnesota and Patrick Kolker of Aberdeen, South Dakota. She has six great grandchildren, Matthew Kolker, Lauren Kolker, Asher Heidrich, Jaden Kolker, Thomas Kolker and Anne Kolker, and two step grandchildren Nicholas Chmiel and Jesse Chmiel..
- She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother Lee Henrich, one son Thomas Kolker, and a grandson Jonathon Kolker.
- Casket bearers will be Marty Kolker, Audra Kolker, Anthony Kolker, Christopher Kolker, James Kolker, Daniel Kolker, Patrick Kolker.
- The family requests memorials Alzheimer's Association, Groton Community Fund, NSU Foundation or Gehlen High School..